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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Catherine J. "Kaye" Howell, who passed away on October 5, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Howell was born on April 15, 1935 in Benton; her parents were Lena Pearline Reed and Lloyd Reed; she married Charles Lindy Barnfield at a young age; she married Charles E. Howell on June 28, 1974 in Benton; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Howell attended Old Baron and Hill City Schools before entering Benton High School; she later attended the Vocational Technical Institute at Southern Illinois University, where she completed a two-year degree program in commercial art; she went on earn her Bachelor of Arts in art education at Southern Illinois University in order to become an art teacher; she continued her education at Southern Illinois University, where she obtained her Master of Arts degree in higher education and a Specialist degree in higher education; she also attended classes at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Atlanta Art Institute; as an honors student, she was nominated for and became a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Delta Kappa Gamma Honor societies; and

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WHEREAS, After college, Catherine Howell became a

1 traveling teacher, providing art classes to the various
2 elementary schools in the district; after several years in
3 Benton, she became an art teacher at Marion High School; while
4 at Marion High School, she developed a vocational commercial
5 art program while also teaching studio, pottery, print making,
6 and other media; she was the founder of the Arts Honor Society
7 program at the high school; she also taught studio classes at
8 Southern Illinois University and John A. Logan College;
9 following her retirement from Marion High School, she continued
10 her career at John A. Logan College until she fully retired at
11 the age of 73; and

12 WHEREAS, Catherine Howell was a partner in the advertising
13 firm of Preston and Howell, Inc.; she was a member of the
14 Advisory Board of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago;
15 she was a higher education Curriculum Evaluator for the North
16 Central Association; she was a founding member, president, and
17 board member of the Little Egypt Arts Association; she was a
18 founding member of the Downstate Artists Association; she was
19 also a member of the Advisory Board of Mitchell Museum, a board
20 member of The Hartley, and founder of the Little Egypt Writers
21 Society; and

22 WHEREAS, Catherine Howell was one of the longest serving
23 Democratic precinct committeewomen in Williamson County; she
24 was also a founder of the Williamson County Democratic Women's

1 Association, Honorary Chairwoman of the Williamson County
2 Democratic Party, and a member of its executive committee; and

3 WHEREAS, Catherine Howell was an award winning artist for
4 over 50 years, painting in various styles and utilizing various
5 media to create her art; her art has been added to private
6 collections throughout the United States and Europe; she was
7 also an author and took part in many book signings and readings
8 in the area; and

9 WHEREAS, Catherine Howell was a member of the Aldersgate
10 United Methodist Church of Marion and the Homebuilders Sunday
11 School Class; she was also a 50-year member of Beta Sigma Phi
12 Sorority and a member of the American Association of University
13 Women, the Farm Bureau, and the SIU Alumni Association; and

14 WHEREAS, Catherine Howell was named Art Educator of the
15 Year by the State of Illinois and was a runner up for Teacher
16 of the Year; and

17 WHEREAS, Catherine Howell was preceded in death by her
18 parents; her son, Timothy Michael Barnfield; her grandson,
19 Timothy Christian Barnfield; her sisters, Judith Milligan,
20 Mary Helen Bennett, and Nancy Shaw; and her brother, Marvin
21 "Butch" Reed; and

1 WHEREAS, Catherine Howell is survived by her husband,
2 Charles E. Howell; her sons and daughter-in-law, Alan
3 (Victoria) Barnfield and Robert Barnfield; her granddaughters,
4 Stephanie Barnfield (Scott) Holman and Alyssa Barnfield
5 Ochwat; her great-grandson, Wesley Lovan; her stepdaughters,
6 Crystal (David) Culp and Carla Hudgens; her sister, Janis
7 (Skip) Thomas; her brother, David (Pauletta) Goodin; her
8 special family members, Dorothy Nolan and Karla Webb; her
9 caregivers, Jewell Young, Peggy Forthman, Carmen Allen, Ann
10 Marie Mayo, Victoria Hartley, and Curt Hartley; and many
11 friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
15 Catherine J. "Kaye" Howell; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Catherine Howell as an expression of
18 our sympathy.